

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, 18, and 20 – 24 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, 18, and 20 – 22 are presented for re-examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 23 and 24 are newly presented for a first action on the merits. By this Response and Amendment, claims 15, 17, and 19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the subject matter of claims 15 and 17 having been placed in claims 23 and 24. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the originally filed application, including any cancelled claims, in one or more continuing application.

In the Outstanding Office Action (hereinafter “the March 15 Office Action”), the Examiner:

1. rejected claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, 15, and 17 – 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite, for a number of identified and unidentified errors in antecedent basis;
2. rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, for encompassing software;
3. objected to the title as not being descriptive;
4. requested that the application be proofread for typographic and spelling errors, among other errors; and
5. requested that claims 15 and 17 be reentered as new claims, since these claims depend from claim 18, and “dependent claims must be numerically higher in value than their parent claim number.”

By this Response and Amendment:

1. claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, 18, and 20 – 22 are amended to correct for errors in antecedent basis and grammar, to remove language such as “adapted to” which previously rendered the claims indefinite, and to generally align the terminology used in all of the pending claims;
2. claim 19 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, obviating the Examiner’s rejection thereto, and claim 20 is amended and reworded to properly depend from claim 18, which Applicants submit now claims properly statutory subject matter;
3. the title is amended;
4. the entire specification has been proofread for typographic and spelling errors, and amendments correcting these are provided above; and
5. claims 15 and 17 are cancelled, obviating the rejections thereto, and are subsequently presented as claims 23 and 24, with amendments to correct for errors in antecedent basis and grammar.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments overcome all of the Examiner’s objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 112, second paragraph. As no other rejections are outstanding, Applicants submit that the present claims and application are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is hereby authorized, without the need of further contact by the Examiner, to enter an Examiner’s Amendment to correct any cases where antecedent basis are lacking.

CONCLUSION

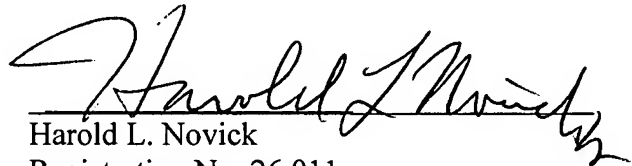
In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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